IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/873,259 Confirmation No. 5965

Applicant : T. TANAKA et al.

Filed : June 5, 2001

Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING BROKER

SERVICE TO AUCTIONS

TC/AU : 3695

Examiner: S.E. Chencinski

Docket No. : NIT-278

Customer No.: 24956

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 15, 2010

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 22, 2009, the period for reply thereto being extended by three months and set to expire on March 22, 2010, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee accompany this response.